

Grand Jury Grills Klamath County Court

Sensational Charges are Made and Figures Given to Support Allegations

STEEL TRUST TO RAISE WAGES FOR XMAS PRESENTS

INCREASE TO AFFECT UNSKILLED WORKMEN IN PLANTS

President Taft's Presents Are Distributed by His Son and Daughter, the Only Representatives of the Family to Spend Christmas in the White House—Mrs. Wilson Selects Her Private Secretary

Called Press Service NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—At the steel corporation offices today it was announced that a general wage increase had been decided upon. This will especially affect unskilled workmen in the plants.

Turkeys Distributed Called Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—President Taft's presents of turkeys to the White House employes were distributed by Helen and Robert, the only members of the Taft family spending Christmas here. Charles is with his parents.

Another Christmas Present Called Press Service TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 24.—It was announced today that Mrs. Wilson has appointed Miss Isabella Hagner to be her secretary.

To Inspect Timber C. E. Dunstan, supervisor of timber for the Indian bureau, arrived last night to inspect the timber on the Klamath Indian reservation, which is to be offered for sale in the spring. Indian Agent Watson came in from the Agency Monday to meet Mr. Dunstan, and the two left for the reservation today.

Sergeant in Hero Engineer William Sargeant of the Reclamation service is in from Olene, where he has been in charge of government work for the past several months. On account of the work shutting down in Poe Valley and around Olene, Mr. Sargeant may remain here all winter.

Obil Shattuck and William Norris, students at the Oregon Agricultural college, have returned to Fort Klamath for the holidays.

Robert Foster arrived Monday from Sacramento, and James Foster the day preceding from Red Bluff, to spend Christmas with their parents.

James W. Jerry was in from Midland Monday, attending to business matters.

PRESIDENT IS AT THE CANAL

CHRISTMAS BALL IS ARRANGED IN HONOR OF TAFT AND HIS PARTY—LAD AT 8 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING

Called Press Service COLON, Dec. 24.—President Taft and party landed at 8 o'clock this morning. They were greeted by representatives of the canal commission and the Panama government. President Porras of Panama has arranged a Christmas ball for tonight.

Merry Christmas

Santa Claus will visit the Herald force tomorrow. He's coming in the shape of a rest, and there will be no paper tomorrow afternoon. Whether this rest will be illuminated by turkey and cranberry sauce remains to be seen, but at this time it seems extremely probable. Therefore The Herald is imbued today with the true Christmas spirit, and there are no strings to the hope that this may prove a Merry Christmas to all.

In San Francisco tonight the occasion will be commemorated by a great open air celebration, starting with a ceremonial. "The Burning of the Hammer" in Klamath Falls there is planned no such celebration, but might we not individually follow the example of the San Franciscans and "Burn the Hammer?" Would it not be a fitting tribute to the Great Teacher, who said: "Peace on earth, good will toward all men?"

There are those to whom the day will bring great joy. They will rejoice in the gladness of the heart of childhood, their own loved ones, the little folk to whom Santa Claus will come in reality, with his grizzled beard and all of the traditional trappings. To others the day will bring sadness; the clouded memory of the past will overshadow the sunshine of the future. These erroneously believe there is no Santa Claus.

But Santa Claus does exist. Hand in hand with love and generosity and devotion he comes to all of us and gives to our lives its highest beauty and joy. Let us have him with us tomorrow.

WILSON GETS PIPE

Will Not Smoke It Because He Tried Once

Called Press Service PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 24.—An admirer has sent President-elect Wilson a gold mounted meerschaum pipe. "I tried smoking but once in my life," said Mr. Wilson, "and the results were so disastrous that I did not try again."

Misses Lillian and Josie Van Riper, who are teaching school in the Malin county, are home for the holidays.

Mrs. Emil Piel of Ashland came in Monday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Applegate.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pelton of Fort Klamath left Monday afternoon for San Francisco. They will spend the winter in the Golden State.

APPRAISERS TO FIX THE PRICE

COUNTY COURT SELECTS THREE MEN TO PUT A VALUATION ON OLD COURT HOUSE SITE—ONE LOCAL MAN APPOINTED

A board of appraisers, to determine the value of the courthouse block, was appointed this afternoon by the county court. Members of the board are Alex Martin Sr. of this city, Dan J. Ryan of Fort Klamath, and E. S. Terwilliger of Merrill. The following letter was mailed to each of them today:

"Desiring to obtain an appraisal on the westerly half of lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 of block 35, in the town of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and known as the site of the present court house, you are hereby appointed a member of the board of appraisers to meet and appraise such property, at the court house in Klamath Falls, on Saturday, January 11, 1914. Kindly signify your acceptance."

This action is in accordance with the announcement made several weeks ago that they would act in accordance with the will of the majority of the voters of the county. A blank form was sent to every voter, asking them to tell their wishes as to the disposal of the site, and the vote was 651 in favor of selling the site, against 311 to retain the property.

DYNAMITE CASES NEARING AN END

ARGUMENT OF THE ATTORNEYS GROWS ELOQUENT AT TIMES. KERN FINISHES HIS PLEA FOR LIBERTY OF CLIENTS

Called Press Service INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—United States Attorney Miller began a 15-hour closing address to the jury in the dynamite cases this afternoon. He called the arguments of the defense "an appeal for the defendants' wives and families," adding: "What of the wives and families of the men murdered in Los Angeles?"

Senator Kern bitterly arraigned Ortle McManigal in his argument this morning. He said that the government's case was purely circumstantial, and asked the minds of the jury to infer too much. He declared that the uncorroborated portions of McManigal's testimony was a remarkable piece of fiction, and damns the whole tale.

"It is revengeful, and explains the motive of the confessed arch fiend, who said, 'when I am caught I am all caught,'" said the senator, who argued that John McManara was responsible for the dynamitings.

Miss Frances Siegelman arrived last night from Portland to spend the holidays with her sister, Miss Mamie Siegelman of the White Pelican hotel.

Deputy Sheriff Marion Barnes returned Monday night from Salem. He went to Salem in charge of Arthur Wallen, who is serving a life sentence at the penitentiary.

Mrs. George J. Walton and two young daughters leave tomorrow for Yreka, where she will spend a couple of days visiting her parents.

MASONS ELECT LODGE LEADERS

LYLE O. MILLS IS CHOSEN WORSHIPFUL MASTER—NEW OFFICERS WILL BE INSTALLED FRIDAY EVENING

The following officers were elected at last night's meeting of Klamath Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.: Worshipful Master, Lyle O. Mills; Senior Warden, J. W. Hillhouse; Junior Warden, Mr. David; Secretary, Austin White; Treasurer E. R. Reames.

These officers, and the officers to be appointed by the worshipful master and junior warden, will be installed at the meeting of the lodge Friday evening.



FRANK CHANCE JOHNNY EVERS Officially Frank Chance, who built diamond, will manage the Cubs and explain everything to C. Fanoyest to Cincinnati, but President Frank J. Murphy, who the little bears break into the goose egg crate. Joe Tinker has bought himself a manager's fountain pen, and is trying to sign up a winning combination for the Cincinnati club. George Stallings will add

Inquisitors Found

That the former county court was holding the county debt about even. That the new county court increased the county debt at the rate of about \$16,000 to \$18,000 per month. That \$500,000 will not put the county on a cash paying basis, and that if the present rate is continued until January 1, 1914, it will take \$1,000,000 to get the county on a cash basis. That it is now costing over 1,000 for each working day to conduct the county government, exclusive of state taxes, schools and city taxes. That, although the income during the first ten months of the new county court's regime averaged only \$6,207 per month, the court expended \$24,587 per month. That interest is accruing on the county debt at the rate of \$3,300 per month. That the system of bookkeeping, etc., as provided by the laws of the state is antiquated, and a temptation to actual fraud. That the members of the county court have been careless, indifferent, extravagant, wasteful and incompetent. That many bills are presented and paid without certification or verification by anyone. That it costs the county \$121.92 per month to maintain each inmate of the poor farm. That large numbers of reputed paupers have been given cash and transportation to get them out of the county, yet in only a few instances does the name of the person favored appear on the bill. (Continued on Page 4)

BURNING OF THE HAMMER TONIGHT

SAN FRANCISCANS WILL COMMEMORATE CHRISTMAS EVE WITH GREAT OPEN AIR CELEBRATION

Special to The Herald SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—A great open air celebration at Lotia's fountain will be held tonight. Madame Pasquall of the Metropolitan opera company will sing with a chorus. As a prelude there will be a ceremonial. "The Burning of the Hammer." The weather is mild today.

Four New Managers of Big League Teams

Officially Frank Chance, who built diamond, will manage the Cubs and explain everything to C. Fanoyest to Cincinnati, but President Frank J. Murphy, who the little bears break into the goose egg crate. Joe Tinker has bought himself a manager's fountain pen, and is trying to sign up a winning combination for the Cincinnati club. George Stallings will add a volume of baseball lore to the five-foot shelf of the cultured Boston Braves, and will explain the construction of the pennant and the advantages of owning the flag to the team that has long since forgotten the physical appearance of the championship bunting.

HOPELESSLY IN DEBT, CHANGES ARE DEMANDED

MANAGEMENT AND CRAFT ARE AMONG CHARGES

No "Whitewashing" Will Be Permitted, Says the Report—Attention is Called to the County Four Paupers Might Well Be Kept at White Pelican Hotel, is the Assertion Made

Declaring that the affairs of Klamath county have been grossly mismanaged and openly asserting that members of the county court have been guilty of deliberately plundering the county treasury, the Klamath county grand jury made a report to Judge Benson this morning which is the most sensational ever before made in this county.

The report demands that the bills be carefully audited, and gives a warning that any attempt to stifle a report of "whitewash" will be resented. "We want only the truth, and will be satisfied with nothing less," concludes the report.

In a preliminary statement, the grand jury says:

"A number of grand juries of this county have recommended that the books of the county be audited, including those of the county court. Nothing came of such recommendations, and we have decided that instead of recommending such an investigation we would make it ourselves, to the best of our ability and in the limited time at our disposal.

The report then plunges into tables showing the present condition of the county affairs. Two tables pertinent to the report follow:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Amount. Rows include Jan 1, 1910, old court; Jan 1, 1911, old court; Jan 1, 1912, new court; Dec 16, 1912, new court.

Outstanding warrant indebtedness in road and general fund: Old court, for period of 14 months of 1910-11, total \$21,818.05, an average of \$1,558.43 per month. New court, for period of 10 months of 1911, total \$245,906.70, an average of \$24,590.67 per month. New court, period of 11 1/2 months. (Continued on Page 3)

COURT CALENDAR IS ARRANGED

TRIAL OF FRANK FERRIS CHARGED WITH CHILD STEALING, WILL START JAN. 17—THIRTEEN CASES ARE FOR JURY

Circuit Judge Benson this morning arranged the January calendar of jury trials. Thirteen of the fourteen cases put on the calendar are jury trials, there being only one equity case set for the month. The trial of Frank Ferris, charged with child stealing, will start January 17th. Chenoweth Umpqua, the Indian charged with the murder of Frank Jack, will be tried January 21. The calendar follows: Lewis vs. Clark, Jan. 3. McCormick & Co. vs. Clark, Jan. 3. Eilers Music House vs. Costello, Jan. 3. Cantrell vs. Carroll, Jan. 6. Dwight Lumber Co. vs. Long Lake Lumber Co., Jan. 7. C. V. Fisher vs. S. P., Jan. 8. Ward & Obenchain vs. Hopkins, Jan. 8. McReynolds vs. Rabbes, Jan. 10. McCormick vs. Ball, Jan. 13. O. K. Transfer Co. vs. Hanschmidt Co., Jan. 14. Obenchain vs. Ransome-Crummer Co., Jan. 15. State vs. Ferris, Jan. 17. (Equity) Smith vs. Algoma Lumber Co., Jan. 20. State vs. Chenoweth Umpqua, Jan. 21.

FRUIT STEAMER GOES ON SHOALS

WITH 60 PASSENGERS ABOARD, VESSEL IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION—LIFE SAVERS READY FOR AN EMERGENCY

Called Press Service ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 23.—A blinding blizzard, the United Fruit company's steamer Tarragon, and the schooner of Bay Harbor light vessel, on which there are thirty passengers.